



DOCTORS' DAY

10 OCTOBER 2023

With immense joy, I extend my warmest greetings to all registered medical practitioners across Malaysia on this auspicious occasion of the National Doctors' Day.

Doctors' Day, celebrated on the 10th of October every year, has been a tradition since its inception by the Federation of Private Medical Practitioners' Associations, Malaysia (FPMPAM) in 2014. It was conceived as a platform to foster stronger bonds between patients and their dedicated doctors in Malaysia. I fondly remember the inaugural celebration in Ipoh, Perak; a weekend filled with relaxation for the doctors and their families, coupled with numerous CSR programmes.

Over the years, Doctors' Day has grown in significance, with an increasing number of medical practitioners and associations participating in the celebrations. Notably, the Government has also joined hands in recognizing and appreciating the tireless efforts of our esteemed doctors and colleagues.

The year 2023 has witnessed significant developments in healthcare, including the Madani programme, the Health White Paper, the removal of nicotine from the Poisons Act, the groundbreaking GEG idea, the migration of Government contract doctors to the GP sector, and the recent call to regulate MCOs. Through it all, the FPMPAM has remained a stalwart advocate, tirelessly championing the interests of medical practitioners and, more importantly, the well-being of our patients.

As we mark this Doctors' Day, my earnest prayer is for the Government to persist in its commitment to engage with stakeholders. Together, we can work towards restoring the high healthcare standards we once cherished and ensure a healthier, brighter future for all

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